

Beware I pray Thee and drink not  
wine nor strong drink.—Job. xliii. 4.

## HOW IT MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED.

**T**HE only thing out of which a chicken can come is an egg. Properly warmed and sheltered and protected from all injury, the egg naturally becomes the chicken, and the chicken naturally attains its full development. Every chicken was once an egg, every hog was once a pig, every frog was once a tadpole, and every drunkard was once a moderate drinker.

The process of transformation is well-known. If the directions are followed it is just as easy to produce a drunkard as to produce a chicken. Given, a child, bright, sunny, healthful and fair-faced, then let him be furnished with cider and wine and beer and ale and strong drink; let pipes and tobacco lend their influence to his debasement; and just so sure as a tadpole becomes a frog, just so sure as an egg becomes a chicken just so sure as a pig becomes a hog, so sure your child, the pride of your heart and the joy of your home, becomes a loathed and loathsome wreck; a drunkard out of whose face has faded every line of beauty; out of whose life has vanished every remnant of nobleness; out of whose heart has been erased, the tracery of his Creator's image; out of whose future has been blotted brightness and sunshine and hope. People who will study these processes will not be surprised nor astonished at the results. The way of death is broad, and many go in thereat. Let those who would not see the ruin which intemperance brings, resist the beginnings of the evil, and turn with utter abhorrence from the cup of devils which is so often pressed to incautious lips.

**NO USE IN THE OTHER COUNTRY.**—A distinguished man lay on his death-bed, when a great mark of distinction and honour was brought to him. Turning a cold glance on the treasure he would once have clutched with an eager grasp, he said, with a sigh, "Alas! this is a fine thing in this country, but I am going to a country where it will be of no use to me."

## DIE, BUT DON'T LIE.

And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?"—Gen. xliiii. 7.

There are times in life when truth-telling will almost certainly bring us into difficulty. By doing this many a young man has lost his situation—some men have lost their lives. But it is better to die than to lie! Joseph's brethren, do not seem to deserve much credit for their truth-telling. Judah said, "Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?" This implies that if they had known it they would not have said anything respecting Benjamin. How little of the virtue which some men practise can be put down to their account, How many have been honest because there has been no temptation to dishonesty! How many have been mild in temper because they have had but little to ruffle them! Will Joseph's brethren be credited with having told the truth? I take it they will not, for they would have told a lie had it suited their convenience. It is easy to keep the castle that is never besieged, and it is equally easy to be virtuous when there is no temptation to vice."

## BIBLE CURIOSITIES.

The Bible contains 3,576,589 letters, 733,692 words, 31,174 verses, 1,139 chapters, and 66 books. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118 Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the alphabet except J. The 19th chapter of 2 Kings, and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John. The 8th, 15th, 21st, and 31st verses of the 107 Psalm are alike. Each verse of the 136th Psalm ends alike. There are no words or names with more than six syllables.